



Considerations When Using **NIMAS/Florida**, RFB&D and Bookshare

As the NIMAS Authorized User for the State of Florida, the Florida Instructional Materials Center for the VI (FIMC-VI) is the provider for texts produced using NIMAS-derived files. Other titles may continue to be ordered through Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D) or Bookshare.

RFB&D and Bookshare have always been required to meet the eligibility requirements of the Chafee Amendment, so students with IEPs who are currently being served by RFB&D or Bookshare should meet the NIMAS eligibility requirements defined at:

<http://www.loc.gov/nls/eligible.html>

NIMAS/Florida, located at FIMC-VI, does require a separate student registration and ordering process using the **NIMAS/Florida** database. **Examples of instructional materials** that should be ordered in specialized formats for NIMAS-eligible students through FIMC-VI via **NIMAS/Florida** database:

- 1) Florida editions or national editions of core instructional materials also known as major instructional tools listed in the State-Adopted Instructional Materials Catalog:
http://www.fldoe.org/bii/instruct_mat/catalog1.asp
- 2) Core instructional materials (textbooks) published after August 18, 2006

The following are **examples of instructional materials** which may be ordered in specialized formats through RFB&D or Bookshare for NIMAS-eligible students:

- 1) Trade books not bundled with the textbooks
- 2) Reference works
- 3) Ancillary or supplemental materials that are not necessary to meet the curriculum requirements for the intended course
- 4) Textbooks published prior to August 18, 2006
- 5) Instructional materials ordered by districts with flex funds

The following is an example of a **student** for which titles may not be ordered through the **NIMAS/Florida**:

- 1) Students declared as disabled under Section 504. Reason: Students declared eligible under Section 504 may or may not meet Chafee eligibility requirements. Those that do meet Chafee eligibility will not qualify for NIMAS-derived files because they do not have IEPs. NIMAS is specific to IDEA. Districts need to work with the publishers to get texts in accessible format for 504 students who are not Chafee-eligible. For students who are Chafee-eligible, districts may consider working with RFB&D and/or Bookshare.

This information has been provided to assist districts in their decision-making concerning **NIMAS/Florida**, RFB&D and/or Bookshare. As described above, there are many items that are only available from specific sources.